

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: L. Kent Byrd, Jr., *et al.*  
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Title: SHEET MATERIAL INFILTRATION OF POWDER METAL PARTS  
Group Art Unit: --  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

MS Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On July 24, 2007 a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts and a Petition Under Rule 1.47(a) was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the above-identified matter. At the time of the filing, we had made several attempts to obtain inventor L. Kent Byrd, Jr.'s signature on the Declaration document and it appeared that he refused to sign. Therefore, the Petition Under Rule 1.47(a) was filed.

After the filing of the Petition and after a further phone call with Mr. Byrd, we received the signed Declaration from Mr. Byrd. Therefore, enclosed is the Declaration executed by L. Kent Byrd, Jr., so all inventors have now signed the Declaration for this patent application.

Please charge the \$130.00 late filing fee for a declaration and any other fees that may be due to Deposit Account Number 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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